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INFO AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI

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SUBJ: PUERTO RICO IN UN COMITE OF 24 : INDIAN ROLE

REF: USUN 3036, 3021, 2969 AND PREVIOUS

1. INDIANS PLAYED CURIOUSLY AMBIVALENT ROLE IN
COMITE OF 24 PUERTO RICO DEBATE WHICH, ON BALANCE, WAS
HELPFUL TO US.

2. CONFUSION EXPLAINABLE IN PART BY ABSENCE FROM
NEW YORK OF THEIR EXPERIENCED COMITE DELEGATE(AHMAD)
DURING MOST OF DEBATE. AHMAD TWO WEEKS AGO HAD PROMISED
COOPERATION WITH US THIS YEAR ON ISSUE AND LEFT INSTRUC-
TIONS FOR HIS SUBSTITUTE TO ABSTAIN LAST WEEK ON QUESTION
OF GRANTING A HEARING TO INDEPENDENTISTAS.

3. IN AHMAD'S ABSENCE YOUNG AND INEXPERIENCED
SUBSTITUTE TOOK NO ROLE IN BACKSTAGE EFFORTS TO REACH
COMPROMISE ON RES ADOPTED YESTERDAY. HE EITHER SOUGHT
OR ACCEPTED WITHOUT COMPLAINT INSTRUCTIONS FROM NEW DELHI
TO VOTE IN FAVOR. IN INTERIM, AMB. SCALI AND AMB.
SCHAUFLE BOTH TALKED TO INDIAN PERREP SEN, FIRST TO
EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR ABSTENTION ON HEARING AND THEN
TO URGE NO VOTE OR AT LEAST ABSTENTION ON RES. WHEN AHMAD
RETURNED TO NEW YORK YESTERDAY, HE IMMEDIATELY CALLED
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MISOFF TO EXPRESS REGRET OVER TURN OF EVENTS, SAID INDIA'S

VOTE ON RES DETERMINED BY INSTRUCTIONS BUT PROMISED TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO TONE IT DOWN. RESULT OF HIS EFFORTS, WHICH WE CONVINCED WERE MADE IN GOOD FAITH, REPORTED IN SEPTEL. FOLLOWING VOTE, AHMAD AND HIS YOUNG COLLEAGUE (LAHIRI) SEPARATELY CALLED MISOFF TO REQUEST MEETINGS NEXT WEEK TO "EXPLAIN" INDIAN VOTE AND GAIN BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF U.S. POSITION.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: WE WILL REPORT THESE DISCUSSIONS. UNTIL WE DO SO, WE SUGGEST REFRAINING FROM RAISING ISSUE WITH INDIANS EITHER IN WASHINGTON OR NEW DELHI. SCALI

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